Complaints Received on Selection of Petrol Pumps

4236. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the newspaper report captioned "Petrol Pump Distribution Fuels Trouble" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi on 25th February, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have received a large number of complaints against the method of selection of Petrol Pumps in the country which are being approved on the Minister's personal recommendation; and

(d) if so, whether any CBI enquiry is being ordered in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The process of selection of Retail Outlet dealers/LPG distributors/SKO-LDO dealers is entrusted to 59 Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs). The DSBs are headed by Retired High Court Judges/Retired District Judges Retired Additional District Judges as Chairpersons with two officials of the oil companies as the members. The Government have laid down uniform guidelines for selection in a fair and transparent manner. The DSBs are independent and the Government or any other person cannot influence or interfere in their working. The oil marketing companies make the allotment of Retail Outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships/SKO-LDO dealerships on the recommendations of DSBs.